

The Reclamation Board – December 20, 2007
SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION
Agenda item No. 8

SUBJECT

Consider formation of a subcommittee to work with the Corps of Engineers and local San Joaquin River Area interest groups in development of new flood control plans.

BACKGROUND

The Reclamation Board recently sent a letter of intent to become the non-federal sponsor for the Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Investigation. At this time, San Joaquin County, the cities of Stockton, Manteca, Lathrop, and Reclamation District 17 plan to participate as the local cost-sharing partners for the investigation. The Board and DWR staff members are also contacting other interests along the Lower San Joaquin River to assess their intent to participate in the effort.

Board will work with the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a feasibility scope investigation to develop a project to address flood damage reduction as defined in the September 2004 Lower San Joaquin River, Section 905(b) Analysis. Staff from the Corps and the Department of Water Resources (DWR), are continuing to develop the Project Management Plan for the study, determining the costs and potential financial participation, and developing a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA).

The source of the State's share of funding for the feasibility investigation will be from provisions in Proposition 84 (Section 75032) passed by the voters in 2006. Guidance for the application for use of these funds is underway and expected to be complete by the spring of 2008, allowing for use of grant funds upon execution of the FCSA. In the interim, DWR and Board are initiating development of a cost-sharing agreement with local sponsors.

REQUEST

Staff requests a vote to form a subcommittee of Board members to work with the Corps of Engineers and local San Joaquin River Area interest groups to assess their need and to work with them on a feasibility scope investigation to develop a project to address flood damage reduction in their respective areas.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board form a subcommittee to work with the San Joaquin River interest groups as requested.